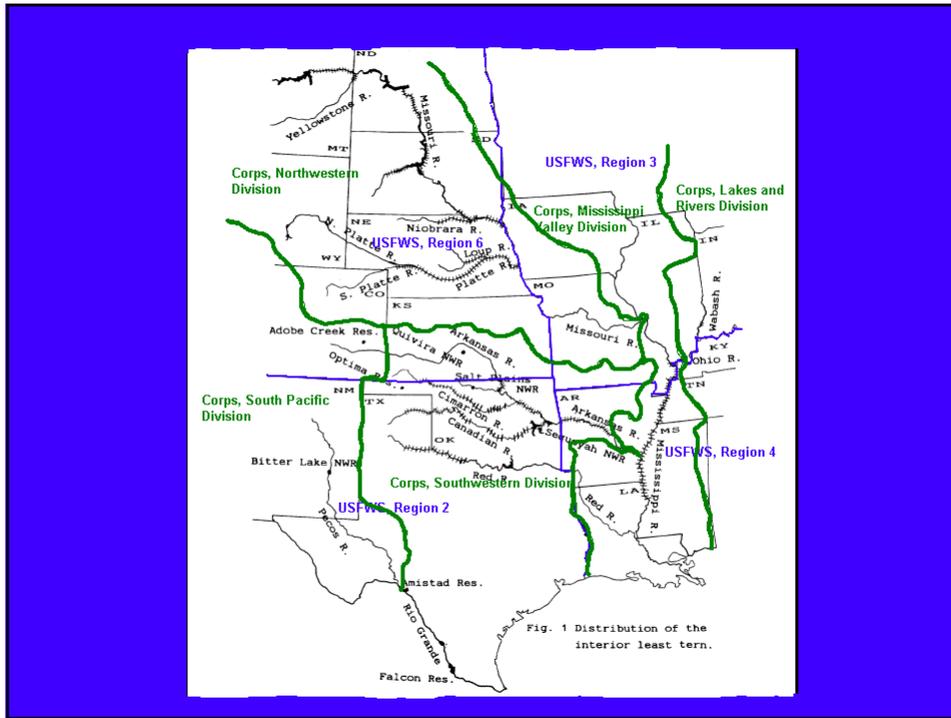


Inter-Agency Coordination



December '02 Meeting

- Need for more regional approach to ILT conservation:
 - Interaction among river systems
 - Share info and ID data requirements
 - ID cost effective conservation measures
 - Consistent policy re.. Section 7 consultations
 - Coordinated approach to facilitate Recovery



White Paper Action Items

- Designate Corps inter-divisional team
- USFWS inter-regional team
- Compile existing pertinent data in centralized database
- Corps participation in Recovery Plan review
- Symposium for stakeholders
- Standardized monitoring protocol

Designate Corps Team

- Completed in October 03-
 - 18 individuals from HQ, ERDC, 4 Division Offices, and 11 District Offices
- Arkansas, Red, and Canadian Section 7 consultation
- Need to designate Team Leader
- Coordinate ILT issues throughout range

USFWS Inter-Regional Team

- Lead USFWS Region?
- Corps request lead USFWS Region to designate inter-regional team?
- Coordinate ILT issues throughout range
- Missouri River Section 7 process proposed a “Regional Coordination Process”

Compile Data in Centralized Database

- Recognized Omaha District's system as perhaps "standard"
- Necessary to assess Recovery Criteria
- Need to include data from populations in non-regulated areas
- Missouri River Section 7 process proposed a "central data collection center"

Corps Participation in Review of Recovery Plan

- Interagency review of recovery criteria:
 - Adult population distribution and levels:
 - Missouri- 2,100
 - Mississippi- 2,200 to 2,500
 - Arkansas- 1,600
 - Red- 300
 - Rio Grande- 500
 - "Essential habitat" designation and best way for long-term protection

Symposium for Stakeholders

- Important to engage and inform locals
 - Need assistance in minimizing impacts from recreational activities
- Share “Lessons Learned”
- Perhaps Missouri River and North American Piping Plover and Least Tern Habitat Symposium/Workshop can be expanded

Develop Standardized Monitoring Protocol

- Critical for managing and conserving population
- Necessary to assess recovery criteria
- ERDC/ABC are “moving out” with this workshop